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SUBJECT: RUMORED RESIGNATIONS OF GOP MINISTERS

RUMORS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING IN LISBON TO EFFECT THAT PRIME MINISTER PALMA CARLOS AND POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PPD) MINISTERS SA CARNEIRO, (MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER), MAGALHAES MOTA (INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION), AND VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA (ECONOMIC COORDINATION) AND POSSIBLY ONE OTHER MINISTER ARE PLANNING TO RESIGN, TO BE REPLACED BY MILITARY OFFICERS. PRESS SOURCE HAS TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD THIS CONFIRMED PERSONALLY BY ONE OF RESIGNING MINISTERS WHO ASCRIBED DECISION TO REFUSAL BY COUNCIL OF STATE DURING MEETING LAST NIGHT TO GRANT PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTERS GREATER FREEDOM AND POWER TO GOVERN COUNTRY. EVENING DAILY DIARIO POPULAR CARRIES SIMILAR STORY, ADDING AS PROBABLE TO RESIGN LT. COL. MIGUEL (DEFENSE) AND MANUEL ROCHA (SOCIAL SERVICES). PAPER ALSO CONSIDERS THAT NEW GOVERNMENT TO BE FORMED LIKELY EXCLUDE PRESENT MINISTERS CORREIA (EDUCATION) AND RAUL REGO (SOCIAL COMMUNICATION). COUNCIL OF STATE NOW AGAIN IN SESSION WITH MEMBERS PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT PRESENT.

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